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## Public Service Recognition Week, May 2 - 8

Public Service Recognition Week, celebrated the first Monday through Sunday in May since 1985, is a time set aside each year to honor the men and women who serve America as federal, state and local government employees. The Oregon Federal Executive Board extends our thanks to all local public servants for their dedication to their community, city, state and country. You make Oregon and Southwest Washington a better and safer place to live for all of us.



## In Brief . . .

- **OFEB Hosts OPM, Local Federal Executives in Forum Discussion on Government Initiatives**



Claire Gibbons, OPM, addresses federal executives at the Governor Hotel.

"You can't over-communicate to employees," Linda Goodman, Regional Forester of the U.S. Forest Service, Region 6 told her colleagues. This and many other lessons learned were shared amongst local federal executives at the Oregon Federal Executive Board's FEB Forum, held April 29th at the Governor Hotel.

The morning opened with a presentation by Claire Gibbons, Project Manager of the Human Resources Lines of Business, Office of Personnel Management (OPM). Claire explained the government-wide movement toward shared support services. Ms. Goodman and Elaine Marquis-Brong, State Director, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), followed with their insights from the completion and implementation of major competitive sourcing studies. They also detailed the collaboration that BLM and the Forest Service have undertaken via their "Service First" initiative. The partnership goes so far as to include these directors of two of the largest local agencies having adjacent offices and a shared reception area.

During the lunch hour, Dr. James Thurber, political analyst and professor at American University, reviewed via conference call the status of the political climate in Washington and the potential impact of the FY 2006 federal budget. He was unable to attend in person due to a late injury.

Our thanks to Anne Badgley, OFEB Vice-Chair, for hosting, and Kathy Eaton of BLM and Lynda Stelzer of BPA, OFEB Administrative Services Committee co-chairs, for inviting the forum presenters. The PowerPoint presentations from Ms. Gibbons and Dr. Thurber will be available on the OFEB web site, at [www.oregon.feb.gov](http://www.oregon.feb.gov).

- **Professional Excellence 2005: "Effective Communication in a Diverse Work Environment"**

There is still space available for Professional Excellence 2005, the OFEB's premier annual employee training session. It will be held **Tuesday, May 10th**, 8:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Downtown/Convention Center, Belmont Ballroom, 1441 NE 2nd Ave., Portland, Oregon 97232. PE '05 offers six full hours of structured training and skill development exercises that will help any employee communicate more effectively.

Successful consultant Greg Bell has extensive experience at facilitating training sessions on cultural diversity and competency, conflict resolution, team-building, problem solving and more. He will present information and

activities designed to develop skills/competencies such as accepting, affirming and reflecting, and strengthen behaviors like openness and confidence. Small-group and/or individual practice sessions will be applied. This training program is open to **ALL** federal employees. The cost is only \$69 per person, which includes lunch. To register, use the OFEB registration form attached or download it from [www.oregon.feb.gov](http://www.oregon.feb.gov), and e-mail or fax it to Mary Ceciliani at [mcecilia@pcez.com](mailto:mcecilia@pcez.com), fax: 503-326-2070.

#### • **Federal Partners Bring Emergency Preparedness Exercise to Portland**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security/FEMA, General Services Administration and the Oregon Federal Executive Board are proud to offer a half-day interagency tabletop exercise on **Thursday, May 19th**, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Green-Wyatt Federal Building, 1220 SW Third Ave, Room 272, Portland, Oregon 97204. Open to senior leaders and those with direct COOP responsibilities, "Steadfast Response 2005" will take participants through the simulation of an emergency that may include natural and/or terrorism-related events in the Portland metro area. Small group interaction and problem solving exercises are included.

This exercise is free of charge. To reserve your seat, complete the "Steadfast Response 2005" registration form attached or download it from [www.oregon.feb.gov](http://www.oregon.feb.gov), and return it to Ron Johnson of the OFEB at [rjohnson@pcez.com](mailto:rjohnson@pcez.com) or fax: 503-326-2070. The registration deadline has been extended to **Wednesday, May 11th**. Seats are limited to three per office (we will try to accommodate agencies with multiple locations by allowing one per additional location, depending upon capacity).

#### • **Public Affairs Officers Get Good Advice from Congressional Reps**

Sixteen local public affairs and governmental relations professionals came together Friday, April 8th in Portland for an informal discussion with Rian Windsheimer from U.S. Senator Gordon Smith's office and Hillary Barbour of U.S. Congressman Blumenauer's staff. Barbour and Windsheimer shared the basics of how their offices work, offered some effective communications suggestions, and answered questions from the audience.

Suggestions they offered included:

- 1) stay in touch with their offices, especially by phone and e-mail, and
- 2) keep them regularly informed with brief summaries of important issues to your federal agency.

Federal colleagues from the BLM, Coast Guard, FBI, Fish & Wildlife, FDA, GSA, HUD, IRS, Social Security Admin., TSA and VA Medical Center were present. Thanks to Public Affairs Committee Chair Michael Campbell of the Bureau of Land Management for arranging this noteworthy event.



Hillary Barbour (left) and Rian Windsheimer at the April 8th Public Affairs Committee meeting.

#### • **USAgencies Credit Union Opens Doors in Historic Yamhill District**

USAgencies Credit Union (USACU) announced the acquisition of a new branch office in Historic Yamhill District's Dayton Building at 95 SW Taylor Street in downtown Portland. Branches currently located in the Robert Duncan Plaza and the Green/Wyatt Federal Building as well as a Main office located on SW 6th Avenue will be combined into one full-service, street-front location.

"Increased building security measures in Federal buildings after Sept 11th make it increasingly difficult for our members to reach us" stated Jim Lumpkin, President and CEO. "Our new location will provide easier access to current members and allow us to open our doors, for the first time, to all federal employees located in the central downtown core." The branch opened April 25th, 2005. The new offices will feature a state-of-the-art ATM machine, a Member Express Lane, experienced loan officers and managers onsite and fresh roasted coffee for members. Business hours are Monday through Friday 8:30am to 5:00pm. A Grand Opening event is scheduled for May 19th with Oregon-focused prize drawings, refreshments and a few surprises.

Established in 1936, USAgencies is a member-owned financial co-operative serving the financial needs of federal employees, federal contractor groups and their families located in Oregon. Today, USACU is a \$46 million credit union with nearly 8,000 members enjoying a full range of services and personal attention. For information on credit union membership, contact a Member Service Representative at 503.275.0300.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2005	June 2005
<b>5/3 12 - 1:30 pm      Public Service Recognition Week Lunch</b> <b>Location:</b> University Place Hotel, Coos Bay Room 310 SW Lincoln Street, Portland, Oregon 97201	<b>6/1, 2 - 4 pm              Shared Neutrals Committee*</b> <b>Location:</b> Robert Duncan Plaza 333 SW 1st Ave., 10th Fl., Portland, OR 97204
<b>5/10, 8:15 am - 4 pm      Professional Excellence 2005</b> <b>Location:</b> Holiday Inn, Convention Center, Belmont Ballroom, 1441 NE 2nd Ave., Portland, OR 97232 <b>Cost:</b> \$69 (see page 1 for details)	<b>6/9, 10:30 am - 12 pm      Minority Business Opportunity*</b> <b>Location:</b> Port of Portland Building 121 NW Everett St., Portland, OR 97209
<b>5/19 8 am - 12 pm          "Steadfast Response 2005"</b> <b>Location:</b> Green-Wyatt Federal Bldg. 1220 SW 3rd Ave., #272, Portland, OR 97204 <b>Cost:</b> FREE	<b>6/15-16, 8:30 am      CSRS Retirement &amp; Estate Planning</b> <b>Location:</b> Green-Wyatt Federal Bldg. 1220 SW 3rd Ave., #272, Portland, OR 97204 <b>Cost:</b> \$100 federal, \$40 non-federal spouses. <b>THIS CLASS IS FULL.</b> Contact Mary Ceciliani at <a href="mailto:mcecilia@pcez.com">mcecilia@pcez.com</a> for questions or possible cancellations.
<b>5/25-26, 8:30 am      FERS Retirement &amp; Estate Planning</b> <b>Location:</b> Green-Wyatt Federal Bldg. 1220 SW 3rd Ave., #272, Portland, OR 97204 <b>Cost:</b> \$100 federal, \$40 non-federal spouses. <b>THIS CLASS IS FULL.</b> Contact Mary Ceciliani at <a href="mailto:mcecilia@pcez.com">mcecilia@pcez.com</a> for questions or possible cancellations.	<b>6/28, 9 am - 3 pm      OFEB Policy Committee Meeting*</b> <b>Location:</b> To Be Determined

\* See meeting description below

## OFEB COMMITTEE CORNERS

<b>Policy Committee</b> The committee will meet again in late June to review charters for OFEB committees and evaluate the requirements for the implementation of the OFEB's new leadership development and training program. <b>Q?:</b> Ron Johnson, 503-326-2060; Jerry Lorang, 503-326-2515	<b>Administrative Services</b> Committee Co-Chairs Lynda Stelzer and Kathy Eaton are working on charter agreements for theirs and their two sub-committees, the MBOC and Shared Neutrals. The next Admin. Services Committee meeting is expected to be in June. <b>Q?:</b> Lynda Stelzer, 503-230-4966; Kathy Eaton, 503-808-6092
<b>Combined Federal Campaign</b> The Columbia River/Willamette Valley CFC welcomes Clatsop and Tillamook counties to its region. The application period for the 2005 campaign has closed, and decisions as to which charities have been approved will be released on May 9th. <b>Q?:</b> Jeff Sargent, 503-326-3030	<b>Emergency Preparedness</b> Co-Chairs Les Miller and Gail Dreckman are working with the OFEB on the implementation of the Workplace Safety Preparedness Plan. The next quarterly Oregon Interagency COOP Partnership (OICP) meeting is July 14 in Portland. <b>Q?:</b> Gail Dreckman, 503-230-3778; Les Miller, 503-808-4400
<b>Minority Business Opportunity</b> The MBOC held its first Supplier Diversity Training for Buyers on April 22nd. The committee continues to plan for the 2005 MED Week luncheon on Oct. 5th, featuring keynote speaker Martin Luther King III. <b>Q?:</b> Rhonnda Edmiston, 503-944-7587; Mary Witty, 503-326-5105	<b>Public Affairs</b> The Public Affairs Committee held an excellent meeting on April 8th with local congressional staffers Rian Windsheimer and Hillary Barbour on the finer points of congressional relations. The next event is expected in mid-July. <b>Q?:</b> Michael Campbell, 503-808-6031
<b>Shared Neutrals/ADR</b> The Shared Neutrals Board is planning their 2005 annual meeting, to be held May 12th. They also continue work on a pilot program for group conflict facilitation services. <b>Q?:</b> Fran Peterson, 503-819-1087; Karin Waller, 503-317-3698	<b>Did You Know?</b> In addition to having built many of the dams throughout the northwest, including the Bonneville Lock and Dam on the Columbia River, the Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District, has built and funds eight fish hatcheries.

## OFEB Policy Committee

*Chair:* **Jerry Lorang**, Veterans Affairs Regional Office  
*Vice-Chair:* **Anne Badgley**, Regional Ecosystems Office

**Cathy Callahan**, National Labor Relations Board  
**Michael Campbell**, Bureau of Land Management  
**Randy Crockett**, Social Security Administration  
**Gail Dreckman**, Bonneville Power Administration  
**Kathy Eaton**, Bureau of Land Management  
**Janice Goodwin**, Nat'l Agricultural Statistics Service  
**Bob Graham**, Natural Resources Conservation Service  
**Harry T. Hall**, Fed. Energy Regulatory Commission

**Colonel Richard Hobernicht**, Army Corps of Engineers  
**Captain Paul Jewell**, U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety  
**Jim Johnson**, U.S. Postal Service  
**Bill McNamee**, DHS, Citizenship & Immigration  
**Les Miller**, Army Corps of Engineers  
**Lynda Stelzer**, Bonneville Power Administration  
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### Public Affairs

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## Links

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Fed Employees Health Benefits - [www.opm.gov/insure/health/](http://www.opm.gov/insure/health/)  
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Federal Long Term Care Insurance - [www.ltcfeds.com](http://www.ltcfeds.com)  
Federal Register - [www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/](http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/)  
Federal Thrift Savings Plan - [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov)

Air Force Reserve 939th ARW - [www.afrc.af.mil/939ARW](http://www.afrc.af.mil/939ARW)  
Army Corps of Engineers, NW Div. - [www.nwd.usace.army.mil](http://www.nwd.usace.army.mil)  
Army Corps of Engineers, Portland - [www.nwp.usace.army.mil](http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil)  
Bonneville Power Administration - [www.bpa.gov](http://www.bpa.gov)  
Bureau of Land Management - [www.or.blm.gov](http://www.or.blm.gov)  
Bureau of Reclamation - [www.usbr.gov/pn](http://www.usbr.gov/pn)  
Coast Guard - [www.uscg.mil/d13/default.htm](http://www.uscg.mil/d13/default.htm)  
Dept. of Energy, Albany Research - [www.alrc.doe.gov](http://www.alrc.doe.gov)  
Department of Homeland Security - [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov)  
Dept. of Housing & Urban Dev. - [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)  
Department of Justice - [www.usdoj.gov](http://www.usdoj.gov)  
Department of Veterans Affairs - [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)  
Environmental Protection Agency - [www.epa.gov/region10](http://www.epa.gov/region10)  
Federal Bureau of Investigation - [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov)  
Federal Energy Regulatory Comm. - [www.ferc.fed.us](http://www.ferc.fed.us)  
Fish & Wildlife Service - [pacific.fws.gov](http://pacific.fws.gov)

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Money Management - [www.mymoney.gov](http://www.mymoney.gov)  
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Office of Mgmt. & Budget - [www.omb.gov](http://www.omb.gov)  
President's Mgmt. Agenda - [www.whitehouse.gov/results/agenda](http://www.whitehouse.gov/results/agenda)  
SBA's SCORE Program - [www.scorepdx.org/brc.htm](http://www.scorepdx.org/brc.htm)

Food & Drug Administration - [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov)  
Forest Service - [www.fs.fed.us](http://www.fs.fed.us)  
General Services Admin. - [www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov)  
Indian Health Service - [www.ihs.gov](http://www.ihs.gov)  
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Nat'l Agricultural Statistics Service - [www.nass.usda.gov/or](http://www.nass.usda.gov/or)  
National Labor Relations Board - [www.nlr.gov](http://www.nlr.gov)  
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Oregon Military Dept. - [www.oregon.gov/OMD](http://www.oregon.gov/OMD)  
Rural Development - [www.rurdev.usda.gov](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov)  
Social Security Administration - [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)  
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*(Cost of All Above Attendees)*

*Please note that there is a **two-week** cancellation policy; however, substitutions may be made at any time! For more information call Mary @ (503) 326-3010.*

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